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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of **Lorna Strachan, Matthew Sleeman, Nevin Abernethy, Rene Onrust, Krishanand D. Kumble and James G. Murison**

Group Art Unit: 1646

Application No. : 09/823,038
Filed : March 28, 2001
For : **COMPOSITIONS ISOLATED FROM STROMAL CELLS AND METHODS FOR THEIR USE**
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants hereby petition that the subject patent application be amended to claim priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/383,586, filed August 26, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,424,419; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/276,268, filed March 25, 1999, now abandoned; International Patent Application No. PCT/NZ00/00015, filed February 18, 2000; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/221,216, filed July 25, 2000.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(2) of 37 CFR §1.78 and the date of filing of this claim was unintentional. The required surcharge fee of \$1,280.00 is included in the check for \$1,335.00 submitted herewith.

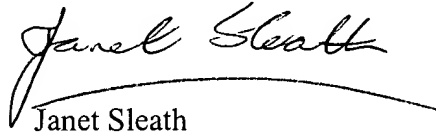
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Respectfully submitted,

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